

104TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

S. 1640

To prohibit the possession and transfer of nonsporting handguns, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 25, 1996

Mr. BRADLEY introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To prohibit the possession and transfer of nonsporting handguns, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Domestic Saturday
5 Night Special Act of 1996”.

6 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITION AGAINST POSSESSION OR TRANSFER**
7 **OF NON-SPORTING HANDGUNS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 922 of title 18, United
9 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the follow-
10 ing:

1 “(y)(1) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess
 2 or transfer a nonsporting handgun that has been shipped
 3 or transported in interstate or foreign commerce.

4 “(2) Paragraph (1) shall not apply to the possession
 5 of a sporting handgun, or the continuous and otherwise
 6 lawful possession of a nonsporting handgun by a person
 7 during any period that began before the effective date of
 8 this subsection.

9 “(3) Paragraph (1) shall not prohibit the sale and
 10 transfer of—

11 “(A) a revolver with a barrel length of not less
 12 than 2 inches, if such revolver could otherwise be
 13 imported into the United States on the basis of a de-
 14 termination by the Secretary under section
 15 925(d)(3); or

16 “(B) a handgun which, if designed to use a
 17 larger caliber ammunition, could otherwise be im-
 18 ported into the United States on the basis of a de-
 19 termination by the Secretary under section
 20 925(d)(3).”.

21 (b) NONSPORTING HANDGUN DEFINED.—Section
 22 921(a) of such title is amended by adding at the end the
 23 following:

24 “(33)(A) The term ‘nonsporting handgun’ means—

25 “(i) a firearm that—

1 “(I) is designed to be fired by the use of
2 a single hand; and

3 “(II) is not a sporting handgun; and

4 “(ii) any combination of parts from which a
5 firearm described in clause (i) can be assembled.

6 “(B) The term ‘sporting handgun’ means a firearm
7 that—

8 “(i) is designed to be fired by the use of a sin-
9 gle hand; and

10 “(ii) the Secretary has determined, using the
11 criteria applied in making determinations under sec-
12 tion 925(d)(3), to be of a type generally recognized
13 as particularly suitable for or readily adaptable to
14 sporting purposes.”.

15 (c) PENALTY.—Section 924(a)(1)(B) of such title is
16 amended by striking “or (w)” and inserting “(w), or (y)”.

○